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1. (Amended) A trimmer line comprising:
an elongate monofilament having a proximal end and a distal end;
a collar secured to said distal end of said monofilament;
said collar comprises a proximal end and a distal end;
said proximal end of said collar comprises a flange adjacent to said proximal end thereof,
said flange includes an external diameter greater than an external diameter of said collar,
wherein said flange is adapted to place said monofilament adjacent to an aperture in a trimming
apparatus; and
said distal end of said collar extends from said distal end of said monofilament to said
flange, wherein said collar includes an external diameter lesser than the external diameter of said
flange.

2. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said monofilament comprises a non-circular
cross section.

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3. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said collar comprises a hollow circular cross-
section adapted to extend from the proximal end to the distal end.

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6. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 5, wherein said crimp forms an indentation into said
monofilament forward of said distal end.

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8. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 7, wherein placement and position of said collar and
said crimp is adapted to reduce stress and strain on said monofilament and to prevent premature
breakage of said monofilament from said collar.

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9. (Amended) A trimmer line for a trimmer comprising:
said trimmer comprising a cutting head having a housing with a first end adapted to be
mounted to a drive shaft, and a second end having an elongated annular flange and an aperture in
said flange extending from an interior wall to an exterior wall;

said trimmer line comprising a finite monofilament length comprising a proximal end and a distal end;

a collar mounted to said distal end of said monofilament;

said collar comprising a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said collar is adapted to be flush with said distal end of said monofilament, and said proximal end of said collar comprising a flange having an external diameter greater than said collar and greater than said aperture of said flange; and

said flange of said collar comprising a distal end and a proximal end, wherein said proximal end of said flange is adapted to be placed in communication with said interior wall of said aperture of said cutting head flange.

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10. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein a portion of said monofilament extending from said distal end of said collar to said flange rests within said interior wall of said cutting head.

11. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said collar is within said interior wall of said cutting head.

12. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 11, wherein said collar comprises a crimp adapted to secure said collar to said monofilament.

13. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein said crimp forms an indentation into said monofilament.

14. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein said crimp is located $\frac{1}{3}$ the distance from the distal end of the collar.

15. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein positioning of said collar and said crimp is adapted to reduce stress and strain on said monofilament and is adapted to prevent breakage of

said monofilament from said collar.

16. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said monofilament further comprises a spur mounted between said flange and said proximal end of said monofilament.

17. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said collar is comprised of a metallic material.

18. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 17, wherein said metallic material is brass.

19. (Amended) A trimmer line for a line trimmer cutting head comprising:
said cutting head comprises a housing with a first end adapted to be mounted to a drive shaft of a line trimmer apparatus and a second end with an elongated open annular flange;
said annular flange comprises a wall with an interior side and an exterior side, and said wall includes an aperture therein adapted to extend from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;
said trimmer line comprising a first end adapted to be inserted through said aperture from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;
said trimmer line comprising a second end with a collar adapted to extend from said second end to said interior side of said wall; and
said collar comprises a proximal end with a flange having an external diameter greater than a diameter of said aperture, wherein said flange is adapted to rest against said interior side of said wall.

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action of February 28, 2002.
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. Death of Inventor: